

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: METHOD OF REMOVING OFF-FLAVOR FROM FOODS AND  
DEODORIZERPRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
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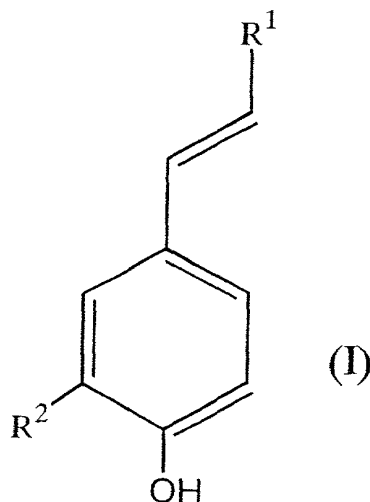
Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to  
examination thereof, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

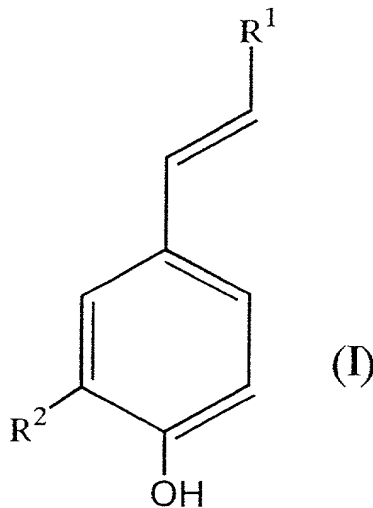
Please amend the claims presently in the application as  
follows:

15. (Amended) The deodorizer according to claim 13,  
wherein the phenol compounds having a styrene structure are  
compounds represented by the general formula (I):



(wherein  $R^1$  represents hydrogen or carboxy, and  $R^2$  represents hydrogen or lower alkoxy) and the phenol compounds constituting the polymer may be the same or different.

26. (Amended) The seasoning according to claim 24, wherein the phenol compounds having a styrene structure are compounds represented by general formula (I):



(wherein  $R^1$  represents hydrogen or carboxy, and  $R^2$  represents hydrogen or lower alkoxy) and the phenol compounds constituting the polymer may be the same or different.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims 15 and 26, of the original claims, in order to set forth these claims in more proper format under United States patent practice. Clearly, these amendments do not constitute new matter.

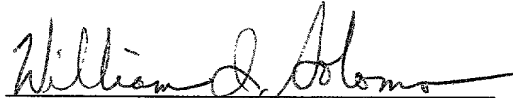
Entry of the present amendments, and examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made in the claims by the current Preliminary Amendment. This marked-up version is on the attached pages, the first page of which is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 506.39933X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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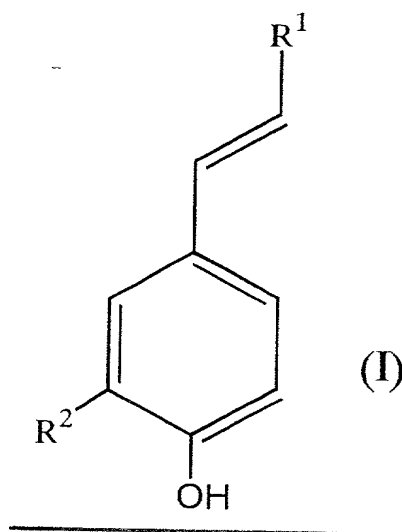
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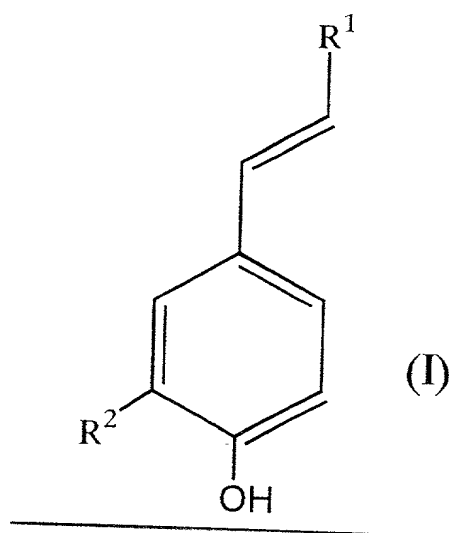
Please amend the claims presently in the application as follows:

15. (Amended) The deodorizer according to claim 13, wherein the phenol compounds having a styrene structure are compounds represented by the general formula (I): [set forth in claim 3]



(wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen or carboxy, and R<sup>2</sup> represents hydrogen or lower alkoxy) and the phenol compounds constituting the polymer may be the same or different.

26. (Amended) The seasoning according to claim 24, wherein the phenol compounds having a styrene structure are compounds represented by general formula (I): [as set forth in claim 3]



(wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen or carboxy, and R<sup>2</sup> represents hydrogen or lower alkoxy) and the phenol compounds constituting the polymer may be the same or different.